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### 1. Rostock (081):

- Between 21 September and 1 October 1946 about 1,000 infantry troops were shipped out (direction not reported).
- On 7 October troop strength was 10,000, plus 1,500 marines.
- On 17 October the airfield was occupied only by a small motorized unit. Except for one or two planes per week, there is no air traffic. Two buildings on the field are being restored.
- The harbor loading area has been confined within hoardings 400 meters long and 2 1/2 meters high with three sentry towers. Piles of apparently new containers, mixed in with boxes that had been used for dismantled machinery, extend for two or three meters above the hoardings.
- About 21 October the following vehicle markings were observed in Rostock:

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### 2. Warnemünde (082): On 7 October the occupation force consisted of 4,000 ground troops and 2,000 marines and sailors.

### 3. Heiligen Damm (062): The presence of an MVD officers' candidate school, staffed by one general with 2,000 officers and EM, was reported from Heiligen Damm on 13 October.

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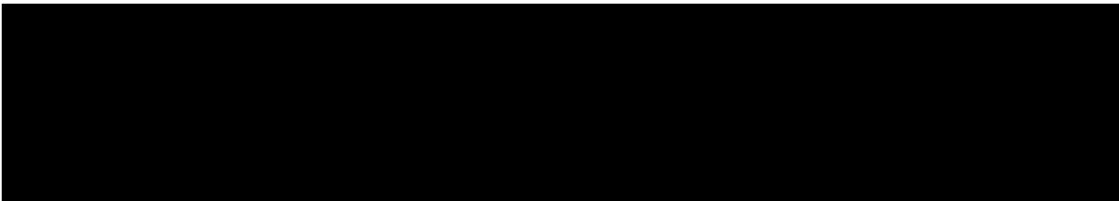
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4. Rerik (051):

- a) An infantry unit in Rerik on 10 September was [REDACTED]  
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- b) The former AA school was occupied on 13 October by infantry troops in unknown strength, one artillery regiment with 150 mm short and long barreled guns, one mortar detachment and one armored company with eight Sherman tanks. All other tank troops have departed.
- c) Three Soviet generals are billeted on the Krögsdorf estate.
- d) About fifty percent of the civilians in this area have been evacuated.

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6. Schwerin (T46):

- a) Garrison strength was estimated at 24,000 in early October.
- b) Between 12 and 18 October some of these 24,000 troops participated in maneuvers held in the Schwerin-Wismar-Rostock-Güstrow area.

7. Güstrow (T98):

- a) On 16 October the airfield was occupied by a small motorized unit. A few tanks use the airfield for training purposes.
- b) The former Dapolin Tanklager at the railroad freight station was converted into a fuel depot in early September. This dump is located on a field about 400 meters from the station along the railroad line to Schwerin. Eight or ten cylindrical tanks have been partially sunk underground. The tanks measure two meters in diameter and are five meters long; capacity is about 15,000 liters.

8. Parchim (T74): The barracks were occupied principally by armored troops with Stalin and T-34 tanks on 14 October. There is a steady replacement of personnel, with both individual and unit transfers, which should be taken into consideration against source's estimate that strength is 10,000.9. Ludwigslust (T53):

- a) About 2,000 troops stationed here on 14 October were divided between tank, motorized and horse-drawn units. No artillery was observed.
- b) The presence of Soviet dependents was indicated by some forty Russian children seen playing in a schoolyard.
- c) The Schulz & Company factory is manufacturing canned goods for the Russians.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~10. Perleberg (T70):

- a) Motorized artillery and armored troops were estimated at about 8,000 between 17 and 23 September.
- b) About 2,000 air personnel are billeted at the airfield, five kilometers northwest of the town. The field, used chiefly for fighter training, contained twenty-three fighter aircraft, as well as a few other undescribed planes, on 21 September.

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11. Kyritz (Z19): A casual German civilian source, reporting on 11 October, states that Kyritz has received Soviet parachute troops formerly stationed at Wismar (T49).12. Neuruppin (Z49):

- a) Troop strength is believed to be 12-15,000, with about 3,000 officers. No new troops had arrived for six weeks up to 17-23 September.
- b) The two artillery barracks contain motorized heavy and medium artillery troops.
- c) The third barracks, on the Altruppin-Allee about two miles east of the town, is occupied by 8-10,000 armored troops, who are said to possess "several hundred" medium and T-34 tanks.

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13. Stendal (Y85): Between 17 and 19 October, rail transports hauling several Soviet regiments southward from Schwerin and Ludwigslust were observed between Wittenberge (Y69) and Stendal. Equipment included light and medium weight field artillery. No civilian passenger trains used this stretch of track on 17 and 18 October. During the same period, several additional regiments of young field artillery troops moved south along the roads between Wittenberge and Stendal in the direction of Magdeburg (Y60). These columns included supply vehicles and horse-drawn guns of about 105 mm. Six horses were employed for each piece.14. Gardelegen (Y44): A Russian division, which had been temporarily based at Klotze (Y35), arrived in Gardelegen about 27 October. A new armored unit also has arrived and is reported to be equipped with tanks "larger than the Stalin type".15. Salzwedel (Y27): In late September, a training regiment of young recruits from the USSR was [REDACTED].

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